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Upcoming Events

September 12 PAC Meeting 7:00pm

September 13 Freak'n Farmer grade 4/5

September 25 Orca Live Presentation

September 20 Picture Day for Students

September 24- Professional Day (school closed)

September 25 Orca Live Presentation

September 27- Terry Fox Run 11:45 to 12:00pm

October 4- First Day of Hot Lunch

October 4 Harvest Hoedown-PAC BBQ- Parent Teacher meet and greet 4:30pm to 6:00pm—BBQ Starts at 5:00pm

October 8- Holiday (school closed)

October 12- Pumpkin Run Trout Creek Grade 4 & 5

October 18 Grade 5 leadership conference (4's included as well)

October 24- Naramata Run

October 24 & 25th- Early Dismissal 12:45pm

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. RAMSAY

Welcome back everyone, to a wonderful year of learning and fun! We have had so much fun this week, working and playing with old and new friends- and we've already begun some school wide themes and activities! This year, we are continuing to focus on demonstrating gratitude, and giving back to the community that gives so much to us. With this in mind, September and October's school wide theme will be centered on harvest time. To celebrate our incredible bounty of fruit and vegetables this time of year, we will be hosting a 'Harvest Hoedown' on Thursday, October 4th, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. Please join us for an opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s), check out their classroom, have a tour of the school garden, have a barbecue dinner provided by our wonderful PAC- and even learn a square dance or two, taught by the children! Please join us for the Harvest Hoedown if you are able- it will be a wonderful way to celebrate and give thanks and gratitude for all that we have.

We are also looking for a few volunteers from the community ☺- if you are an experienced square dancer or line dancer, you might want to consider coming in and helping students as they learn this new skill. As well, if you love crafts and would like to help in the afternoon on Wednesday, September 26th, we will be making (life size) scarecrows. Just let the office know and we will provide you with more details. PAC will also be looking for volunteers to sign up to help with the barbecue- many hands make light work, as they say! One last request: we are looking for a few bales of hay or straw, to be used to decorate for the hoedown, as well as some to be used for stuffing for our scarecrows. Can you tell we are all excited about this event? ☺

BELL SCHEDULE

8:45 Welcome Bell

8:50- 10:20 Classes in session

10:20 - 10:35 Recess

10:35-12:15 Classes in session

12:15 Lunch Begins

12:55 Warning Bell

1:00-2:45 Classes in session

2:45 End of day

2:55-Bus leaves

DIV 01 GRADE 4/5 MS. AOKI

DIV 02 GRADE 3/4 MRS. MCMILLEN

DIV 03 GRADE 2/3 MS. SEVERIDE

DIV 04 GRADE 1/2 MRS. BORDIN & MRS. RAMSAY

DIV 05 MRS. ROGERS KINDERGARTEN

May Queen and her Princess's at the August Faire



It was nice to see our May Queen and her Princess's out for the August Faire! What a wonderful representation of our school.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education Continues!

Naramata Elementary has become known as the 'Outdoor School' for good reason! In the last few years, students were involved in many hands-on, outdoor opportunities, based on the belief that the natural resources found all around us in our village and surrounding area can be an integral part of engaging,

relevant learning opportunities. These opportunities will also, on occasion, involve walks and explorations off the school grounds as students take part in 'mini-field trips to areas around the village. Further to this outdoor approach, we will also continue our school wide running program in

MEDICAL ALERTS/PEANUT FREE

Severe Allergy Alert and Reminder!

Just a reminder, we have some children in our school who are severely allergic to nuts and nut products. In some cases, these products do not have to be directly consumed, but can cause a severe reaction if the student touches a surface contaminated with nut product, or even breathing in the odor of peanuts and/or nuts. Because we do not want any child to be at risk, we have had our entire school deemed peanut/nut free. Thank you for ensuring that your child's lunch and snacks continue to be nut-free. Thank you to all!

Medical alert forms are available at the office and must be updated each school year. If your child has a potential life threatening or medical condition, a form needs to be completed immediately. If your child has a medical situation that requires medicine to be administered at the school, you must also complete new forms. Please contact Mrs. Rettie in the office for forms or more information.

TERRY FOX RUN SEPTEMBER 27 11:45AM

Thursday Sept 27th at 11:45AM

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, September 27th. Terry Fox is truly one of our national heroes, who was able to make a difference in this world through his perseverance, courage, and compassion, all of which has led to millions of dollars towards research to find a cure for cancer. This year, we will be holding a coin drive in the days before our run, so please check your piggy banks for nickels, dimes, quarters, and loonies and toonies to donate! Please join us if you are able from 11:45 until 12:15 out on the field as we stretch and move to music, then begin our run around the field. We want to celebrate the determination and courage by joining together and running for a cure!

Our school fundraising link is: <http://www.terryfox.ca/NaramataElementary>



Harvest Hoedown Celebration and Open House!

Please join us for a chance to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and try out a few square dances and lines dances with your child(ren) at **Naramata Elementary's Harvest Hoedown and PAC barbecue**. On Thursday, October 4th from 4:30PM until 6:30pm, parents and families can take part in dancing, garden tours, and an opportunity to meet Naramata staff (individual parent-teacher conferences will take place in November; so please remember this is just a chance for a quick hello!) The PAC will also be hosting a barbecue for families, and this will begin at 5:45. **Families are encouraged to bring a dessert item to round out the meal (peanut and nut-free please!)** Also, if you would like to volunteer for a job at the BBQ, please contact one of the PAC executives (listed in this newsletter). **We hope to see you all there!**



Our Scarecrow is proudly on display for the fall! A big thank you to Debbie Dancey grandma to Ryker and Ava for donating such a wonderful scarecrow.

PAC NEWS– Meeting September 12th 7:00pm

We receive wonderful support from our parents and our PAC Executive. Our PAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in the library. There is child minding available for your children. All families are welcome to come out and share their ideas and support to assist in the success of our school. The next meeting will be held on September 20th at 7:00pm in the library.

The PAC Executive for 2018-2019 school year:

President: Brent Rowland

Vice President: Sean Stevenson

Treasurer: Anna Wolleben

Secretary: Nicole Hackworth

HOT LUNCH REGISTRATION COMING SOON

**THE FIRST DAY OF HOT LUNCH WILL BE OCTOBER 5, 2018,
PLEASE WATCH FOR EMAILS TO LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE
REGISTRATION IS OPEN.**

WILDLIFE WATCH

It is bear & cougar season. If your child walks home, please have a safe plan in place for their journey.

Please talk to your child about bear & cougar safety:

1. Remain calm and NEVER approach the animal.
2. Give it plenty of space and a safe avenue of escape.
3. Warn others to stay away.



VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL

Parent (grandparent & community) volunteers are always welcome & needed in our school in varying capacities. If you would like to volunteer and have not yet completed a Criminal Record Check simply follow the online link: justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm and use access code **TNJP25P6CL**. Once you have completed this, it is good for the entire time your child attends Naramata Elementary. Below is a list of programs that may be of interest to our volunteers:

- 1) **Home reading program.** The program will be up and running shortly thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers. This extra reading practice helps our young readers in developing their reading skills.
- 2) **Hot Lunch, Milk Program, Veggie Program Helpers.** A committee of parents is being established to "share the load". We will need parents to help with distribution of food to students on a weekly basis starting in October. If you are able to help please contact our hot lunch coordinator, Kari Tithecott at 250-265-7183 or kaytee772@gmail.com
- 3) **Parent Drivers** for field trips & sports teams. A "Driver's Abstract" sent to the school from ICBC (1-800-950-1498) will also be required for anyone driving as well as a Conveyance Form, and copy of your car insurance policy, indicating liability limit and a copy of your Driver's License.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Did you know that School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. For your convenience, we have made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the high costs of serious injury from unexpected accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- * do not have medical or dental plans,
- * have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- * have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Accidents can, and do, happen.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

The website for Kids Plus is kidsplus.ca or parents can speak directly with a Kids Plus representative at 1-800-556-7411.

Please note this message from Kids Plus Accident Insurance:

Effective this September 1st, there will be some changes to our Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact our Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes allow us to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eye-wear, with no increase in premiums.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL: Unless engaged in a school activity (i.e. sports practice), students are encouraged to arrive at school

AFTER 8:30 am. Staff SUPERVISION is not available before 8:30 or after 3:00 (Before & after school care is available through Naramata Kids Club 250-496-0081.) In order to create independent responsible students we are encouraging our children to line up at their assigned doors and the teachers will come to greet them there.

REPORTING TO THE OFFICE: We ask that **ALL** visitors use the **front doors to the school and please report to the office.** **All outside doors (other than the front door) are locked at 9:15 am.**

OFFICE & HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION: Our school secretary, Mrs. Rettie away from the office during parts of the day. In addition to working in the office, she is the Library Assistant and Noon Hour Supervisor. We will do all we can to answer your important calls but there will be times when that will not be possible. Please leave a message. Our **PHONE NUMBER IS: 250-770-7688.** It would be greatly appreciated if you would:

- Call or email the school if your child will be away for appointments, illness or vacations (lcollins@summer.com)
- Call the school to contact your child or to pass along messages **ONLY WHEN IT IS URGENT.**

PARKING AND DROP OFF:

We ask that you **do not stop or park in the bus zone, or the GRAVEL AREA EAST of the school.** We want to promote a safe environment around the school so *please* be mindful of the school zone. When dropping children off, please do so in the **MAIN PARKING LOT on the NORTH SIDE of the school OR on the correct driving side of 8th street.**

2018-2019 Activity Fee \$10.00 (all students except Kindergarten)

This activity fee will go towards planners, guest speakers, school wide presentations, and visiting artist. We ask that you register with Cash Online, it is a very easy process. Please go to the School District 67 Website www.sd67.bc.ca, scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see “links” “School Cash Online” click into that and you will see “Get Started Today”, click into that to register and you will easily be able to pay all fees online. If you have any question please give me a call Lisa Rettie or email lrettie@summer.com. We are encouraging all parents to register for School Cash Online to reduce the amount of cash coming into the school, if you are unable to do this please contact me. Thank you ! Lisa Rettie



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Office of the Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)
2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR
FOR ALL SCHOOLS

School Improvement Day – schools closed	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Schools Open	Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, September 24, 2018
Thanksgiving Day – schools closed	Monday, October 8, 2018
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, October 19, 2018
Curriculum Implementation Day – schools closed	Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day observance – schools closed	Monday, November 12, 2018
Schools close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, January 7, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, February 15, 2019
Family Day – schools closed	Monday, February 18, 2019
*Schools close for Spring Break	Friday, March 15, 2019 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, April 1, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, April 15, 2019
Good Friday – schools closed	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday- schools closed	Monday, April 22, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, May 3, 2019
Victoria Day – schools closed	Monday, May 20, 2019
Administrative Day (students not in attendance)	Friday, June 28, 2019

- Number of Days of Instruction: 180
- Number of Non-Instructional Days in calendar: 6
- Number of Administrative Days: 1

Notes: The above calendar meets the hours of instruction required by the Ministry of Education.
*School District No. 67 schools are closed for spring vacation, March 18 through March 29, 2019

2018-2019 Secondary Provincial Examinations Schedule:
Monday, January 21 through Friday, January 25, 2019
Friday, June 21 through Thursday, June 27, 2019

2019 Middle School "T" Days:
Middle School (Grades 6 – 8) pupils excused from attending school except for "T Day" assigned time(s) (June 25, 26). Students attend school on Thursday, June 27.



NARAMATA: Child Development Centre
& Kids Club

OPEN HOUSE

FOR A CAUSE

Take a tour of our spaces and
meet some of the staff!

We will also be having a
lemonade stand & bake sale with
all proceeds going to support
Nevaeh's Charity and South
Okanagan's Children's Charity.



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
10AM - 2PM

Located at the Naramata Elementary School.

